



## PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 18:00.**

**Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Paul Burford, Cllr Paul Stevens, Cllr A Gardiner (Cllr AG), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS) and District Councillor R Banks (Cllr RB).**

**Absent: Cllr Z Needham (Cllr ZN) and CC Cllr S Osborne.**

**Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).**

**MOP's: 3**

541. To accept apologies for absence

- Cllr ZN tendered her apologies and reasons for absence accepted. CCllr S Osborne also not present.

542. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.

- Cllr PS – Item 547 - Planning application – Lentridge Barn

543. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

- Unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Chair signed to that effect.

544. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.

- Clerk advised the directional sign at the playing field was being investigated by Highways and would report back after their site visit.

545. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.

- No report received from County.
- District Council – Cllr Rob Banks  
Cllr RB reported that he was happy to help regarding the disposal of the fridge freezers at the pavilion. Duly thanked by Cllr RJ.
- Contact with enforcement officer regarding Fins Farm – Cllr Davis now aware.
- Comments received and have been made on glamping pods at the racecourse.
- St Helena Lane road sign has been hit and reported to ES Highways
- Cllr RB around until elections. Stood down from district due to health reasons. Cllr RB introduced Daniel Stewart-Roberts Lib-Dem candidate replacement for Cllr RB.
- Cllr RB wished to thank Cllr's PS and AG for their service and support to the parish council.
- Cllr NB duly thanked Cllr RB on behalf of PPC for his services and support to the parish council and consciousness towards attending meetings.



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546. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total

- Item 554 (h)(iv) bought forward.
- Clerk advised Cllr JB had sent the recommendation via email to all Cllrs regarding the siting of the memorial tree at the PF. No comments made and unanimously agreed for the tree to be planted and memorial sign to be hung on the tree. Cllr JB to help with planting. Cllr JB and resident to liaise.

547. Planning applications and consider further applications submitted after agenda publication:

**LW/23/0143**

**Lentridge Barn, Station Road, BN7 3DE**

Single storey rear infill extension

Decision: No comment

**SDNP/23/01508**

**3 Fairhaven, Plumpton BN7 3AH**

Removal of an existing conservatory construction of a single storey extension to the rear of the property, alterations to the fenestration and addition of two flue pipes/chimneys.

Decision: No comment

**LW/23/0074**

**6 Cox Cottages, Station Road, BN7 3BZ**

Amended scheme – garden room and re-defined parking area at rear of garden and new fence, together with single story rear extension to main house.

Decision: No comment

To note approved applications.

- None

548. Correspondence

- Nothing to report

549. Finance Committee

- Cllr PB advised no report to present.
- a. To approve the Finance Committee minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the finance committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Cllr PB signed to that effect.
- b. To approve expenditure as itemised on the schedules.
- Unanimously agreed to approve the April expenditure as follows;  
PPC - £6461.84  
VH - £1690.73



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PF - £419.80

Cllr PB signed to release the payments.

- c. To note final year end position of 2022-2023 and agree any ear marked reserve movements
  - Duly noted and to discuss at the next finance meeting
- d. To consider S137 application – St Peter and St James’s Hospice
  - Clerk advised this application was missed off in error. Cost of hall hire for the event was £130. Unanimously approved to donate £130 to St Peter and St James’s Hospice. **Clerk to action.**
- e. To approve year to date accounts.
  - Unanimously approved.
- f. To approve combined bank reconciliations
  - Unanimously approved.

### 550.. Neighbourhood Plan Update

#### (i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllr NB advised himself and Cllr PS met with Ben Ellis to go through the proposed plan for the GT01 site who expects to send application in after the May elections.

### 551.To note and action if necessary monthly RA reports.

- Cllr RJ nothing to report. Still concern over the manhole cover on tennis track. Clerk advised neither SE nor Southern Water admit responsibility. It was agreed for the Clerk to seek quotes for a replacement. **Clerk to action.**

### 552.Update on broadband fibre optic community scheme and actions.

- Cllr PS advised no update. PPC in lot 16 procurement in July.

### 553.Update on first aid training sessions

- Clerk advised this is happening in June date etc to be released shortly. **Clerk to action.**



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### 554. Committee/Working Group Reports

- i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing
  - Cllr NB reported the speed device will be moved as per licence (needs moving every 3 months). Received positive response from residents since installation.
- ii. Allotments update
  - Cllr RJ reported now weather getting better plot maintenance increasing. The end of fence near stream needs mending. **Cllr RJ to action.**
- g. Village Hall
  - i. Update on management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath
    - Cllr NS reported a video has been sent to Aquatic Solutions of the area and waiting to hear back. Green still to wet to get machinery on. A date will be set shortly.
  - ii. To approve hall hire fee increase of 5%.
    - Unanimously approved.
- h. Playing Field/Pavilion
  - Cllr RJ reported ground in good condition – football ends 22<sup>nd</sup> April, cricket starting 29<sup>th</sup> April.
  - Playpark gate needs quoting/repairing on.
  - Bags of sand to be spread when Cllr JB can get digger onto the ground.
  - Playpark sand – Cllr JB to pick and spread when ground is hard enough to take a vehicle.
  - i. To note playpark & skatepark inspection and action where necessary.
    - Basket swing reported on inspection report. Duly noted and action is being taken.
  - ii. To consider quotes for playpark basket swing repair and discuss response to LDC re inspections.
    - Clerk advised quotes received as follows;  
  
Playsafe – £3780 + VAT Robinia hardwood (20 yr guarantee) or £4920 + VAT steel.  
Mante Leisure - £6805 + VAT hardwood (10 year guarantee) or £8973 + VAT steel.  
  
Unanimously agreed to proceed with Playsafe Robinia Hardwood at £3780 + VAT – use CIL – **Clerk to action.**



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- iii. Tennis Club lease
- Clerk to chase – member and trustee of tennis club dealing with the lease no longer a member or trustee. **Clerk to action.**
- iv. To discuss/agree location of memorial tree to be planted at the playing field.
- Noted at agenda item 546.
- v. To receive update on border fencing along KGV field and private properties.
- Cllr RJ reported a quote for fencing along border would be at £485 but still need an updated quote to include gate. Contractor needs a 1m pathway cleared of brambles and weeds in order to install. Resident does not want area cleared due to privacy. Cllr PS to speak with the resident concerned to clear the area first. **Cllr PS to action.**
- i. Events Committee
- No events meeting needed – Coronation organising all in hand with Village Society and all on budget.

### 555.Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Cllr AG reported school approached PPC regarding CIL for their new playground project but cannot be used as not appropriate use of CIL.

### 556.Communications/Website

- Nothing to report

### 557.Items to be reported by Parish Councillors and/or to be included in future meetings

- Nothing to report

### 558.Confidential item

- Unanimously approved.

### Dates of next meetings:

17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 New council – Annual Statutory meeting 19:00 followed by full council 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 25/04/2023